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Poultry Programs

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CHICKEN AND CHICKEN PRODUCTS, INVITATION NO. 20, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-296

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell chicken and chicken products as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, March 13. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, March 17. Deliveries are to be made from April 16 to April 30.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Items listed as "KOSHER ONLY" must be produced as a Kosher product. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-296; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specifications for Chicken Parts, Batter/Breaded Chicken Parts, and Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2005; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs; Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave. SW; Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world-wide-web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-296, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Bulk Pack, Small (221690) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The weight range for an individual chicken is 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg), without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2005. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Bulk Pack, Large (222590) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks or giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The individual chicken weight range must be over 3.75 pounds (over 1.70 kg) per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts date May 2005. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

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COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN

: 16 CHICKEN, FRESH/FROZEN BULK SM COMM TYPE : 90 2 1/2 - 3 3/4 LB BULK PACK PACK SIZE

ITEM DESTINATION OUANTITY TRANS NO CITY ST RESTR (LBS) ____ _______ _____ _____

DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/06 - 04/30/06

001 PINE BLUFF AR TRUCK ONLY 216,000 *

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 216,000

COMM TYPE : 25 CHICKEN, FRESH/FROZEN BULK LG

: 90 OVER 3.75 LB BULK PACK PACK SIZE

ITEM DESTINATION TRANS QUANTITY NO CITY ST RESTR (LBS) _____ DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/06 - 04/30/06

002 BOAZ AL TRUCK ONLY 504,000 180,000 * 003 BOAZ ALTRUCK ONLY 004 NEW HOLLAND PA TRUCK ONLY 2,340,000 *

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 3,024,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 3,240,000

*NO TOLERANCE ALLOWED - Less than 36,000 pounds will be rejected.

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Contracting Officer

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